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The **Oz** Wargame Integration Toolkit: Supporting Wargames for Analysis



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Got a Wicked Problem?

- Tregular Warfare (IW) analysis is a "Wicked Problem"
 - IW: Battlegrounds of social concepts
 - Legitimacy
 - Popular Will
 - Many perspectives
 - Seems unsolvable
- Two complementary approaches to analysis:
 - Human: Wargaming
 - Machine: Simulation
- The Oz Wargame Integration Toolkit
 - A solution that takes the best of both approaches
 - Integrates wargames, simulations, rule-based systems, and data







Human vs. Machine

Analysis of the	Analysis of the Social World		
Subject Matter Experts (SMEs)	Computer Simulation		
Can understand human contexts	Limited and forced understanding		
Can recognize new situations	Newness (emergence) not well developed		
Hard to get statistical significance (exception: Massive Multiplayer Online Gaming)	Easy to repeat		
Human variance requires more repetitions	Can hold all else the same		
Individuals stove-piped	Scalable and crosscutting: incorporates knowledge from many disciplines		
Can not connect micro to macro	Can compute micro-macro complexity		



"If I only had a (computer) brain"



"If I only had a (human) heart"





- Oz supports achieving statistically significant patterns
 - Allows branching and keeps track of the branches
 - Keeps track of hierarchical categorizations of moves in an "ontology"
 - Enables post-game statistical analysis and data-mining
 - Streamlines the move input and adjudication process
 - Players quickly select from available moves in a menu
 - Computer models suggest adjudications that humans may check
 - Rapid entry of ontologies, rules, models, and data
 - Human resources may be applied to more repetitions of the game
- Oz does not limit human creativity
 - Free moves are allowed in the war game
 - Players may suggest a new categories
 - Text descriptions are stored
 - In extended games, computer modelers have time to incorporate new moves into their models
 - New moves are easily expressed in ontology and rules
 - Human adjudicators have the final say over model suggested results

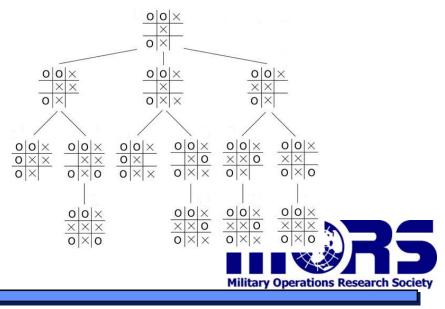




Statistics through Branching

- For example, every time a particular action is done, or a particular player makes a move, give it to another player
 - For pair-wise comparison, or random block design experiments
 - Fewer repetitions needed
 - "Holds all else the same" by giving the same history up to the branching point
- Done behind the scenes
 - Players only see history that they should see
 - Perception is preserved
 - Oz file sent through email
- Necessary part of the Scientific Method
 - Done in the United Kingdom and the Army War College







Statistics through Ontology Technology

- Ontology: A way to categorize data into general and specific categories
 - Intuitive interface for input through Protégé open source software
- Facilitates significant level of aggregation for Statistics and Data Mining
 - There might not be enough data on specific terrorist acts, but it may be significant on a general level
 - Provides gradient for data mining techniques (like MPICE, CAST, ACTOR, FORESITE)







Finding Patterns in Creative Actions

- Q. How can we use statistics if Irregular Warfare Analysis is Wicked?
 - Doesn't human creativity make actions unique?
- A. We aren't studying uniqueness, we are studying patterns
 - Unique actions still fall into types
 - Statistics measure coerciveness of action
 - Defined by a lack of variance in response
 - Medical statistics deal with similar levels of variation





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The Game World vs. the Real World

- Q. But we aren't using real data!
- A. We are finding patterns in our best SME and model estimates
 - Strategic role-playing helps players to "be there"
 - Statistical comparisons with real data can eliminate "game bias"

Statistics tease out the effects due to the game itself from the effects due to the idiosyncrasies of the players







The Model Composition Problem

- Q. Isn't the social computation in your automated adjudication another wicked problem?
 - What do you do with many perspectives?
- A. Yes, we are forced to compose social simulations
 - One simulation can't hold the entire social world
 - Each social scenario is a unique combination
 - Impractical to simulate from scratch
 - Needed for quickturnaround analysis
 - Since social scientists disagree, all perspectives of every discipline need to be tested
- ... and we are applying advanced technologies to the problem





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Composition through Ontology Technology

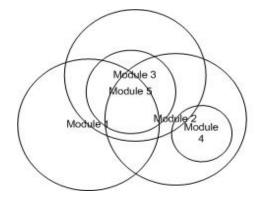
- Ensures Multi-Resolutional models can speak to each other
 - Makes a mapping between simulations possible
 - An action at a lower level for a lower resolutional model is automatically mapped to a higher level for a higher resolutional model
 - Hub and Spoke scheme is used
 - Integrates simulations through the MVC (model view controller) software engineering design pattern
 - Multi resolutional software agrees to a data model, and consistency with that agreement is enforced
 - Data Model is not buried in the control logic of the simulation
- Enables consistent integration with data in databases, of different ontologies
- Facilitates appropriate levels of description for rules
 - A deep ontology allows a rule to be general or specific, as appropriate



Problem: Consensus Among Social Models

The social disciplines are different views at the same phenomena

- Overlap: the same or highly correlated events are covered in two or more simulations
- Conflicts typically occur in areas of overlap
- In Oz, models may be synchronized at areas of overlap
 - Many conflict resolution/synchronization schemes may be used
 - Human adjudication
 - Weighted voting schemes
 - Weeds out bugs in replicated models
 - Constraint satisfaction
 - Coevolution



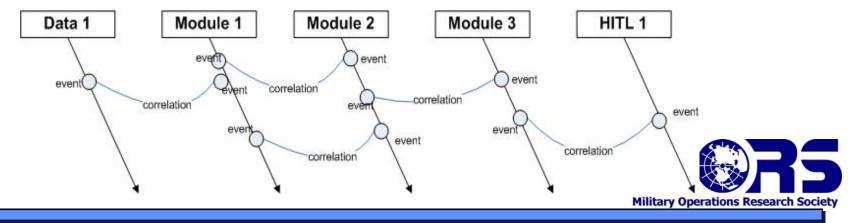


Social models overlap, as on the left, instead of fitting neatly toget



Model Consensus through Rule-Based Systems

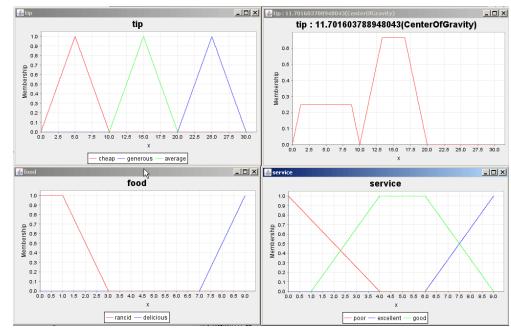
- In Oz, the social literature itself helps achieve consensus
 - Both types of social literature are used
 - Social theory/causal models drive simulation modules
 - Correlative studies designate weighted areas of overlap
- Correlative rules automate integration and validation
 - Models and model combinations that best fit patterns in data are best
 - We can not expect models to predict events, but we can expect them to match patterns
- Fuzzy rulesets model correlative studies
 - Exactly matches the data of correlative studies
 - Weight of rule taken from correlation coefficient
 - Robust with respect to contradictory data
 - Fuzzy Cognitive Maps implement constraint satisfaction conflict resolution





Data Aggregation with Fuzzy Rules

- Combines real-valued model results into PMESII adjudications
 - Correlative Data are Social Indicators
- Scalar: Can determine degrees of change
- Intuitive interface for input with verbal descriptions of phenomena
 - Open source JFuzzyLogic
- A rule from PITF correlative data:
 - If a state's factionalism is high, and its democracy is partial, then its stability is low
 - Calibrated to data



If the food is delicious and the service is excellent, then the tip is generous





Automation of Wargame

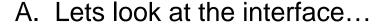
- After automated adjudication, consensus is exported to models for them to restart from
 - Humans may also change fuzzy rule adjudications
 - Human modification may be switched off for automation
- Model-Game-Model Process
 - Al in game may generate legal moves and play them
 - Instead of taking every possible move, as in Data Farming, takes moves according to strategy, and in order to win, as in Strategic Data Farming
- If a computer plays COMPOEX or PSOM better than people do, its better to automate
 - Enough runs to explore space of possibilities
 - Talk over the meaning of moves in chess never won the game





The Oz User Interface

Q. Isn't it hard to both smooth the process and let players be creative at the same time?



- There are two forms
 - The Move Form
 - The PmESII
 Adjudication Form





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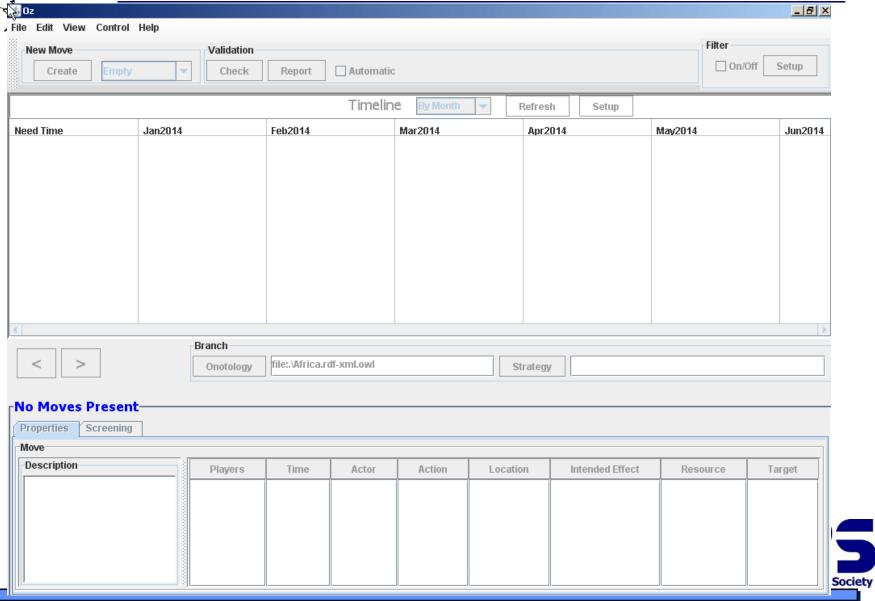
The Move Form

- The Main Page is the Move Form, containing information on individual moves
- Players enter overall strategies from the menu
- Players enter free text moves
- White cell can enter free text "screening" adjudication
- Moves are categorized so they may be entered into models, rules, and stored for statistical analysis
 - Players enter Actor, Resource, Time, Location, Target, Intended Effects, and Strategy
 - White cell enters visibility of the action
 - If there is no appropriate category, a new one may be entered into the existing ontology
- Historical forms are filtered according to what is visible to the player
 - A Timeline shows historical moves
 - They may be further filtered based on the categorizations
- Game may be branched on particular moves for comparison





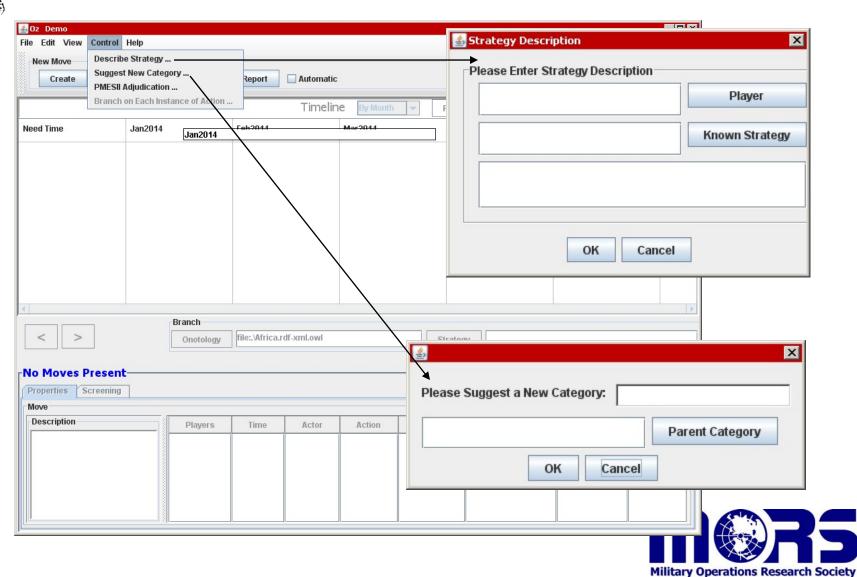
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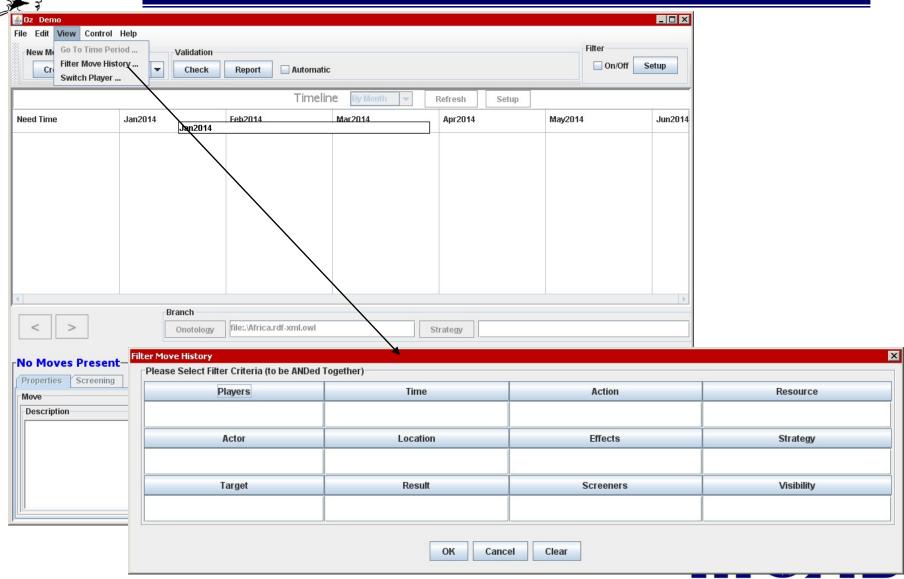


Describe Strategies and Enter New Categories Through Control Menu



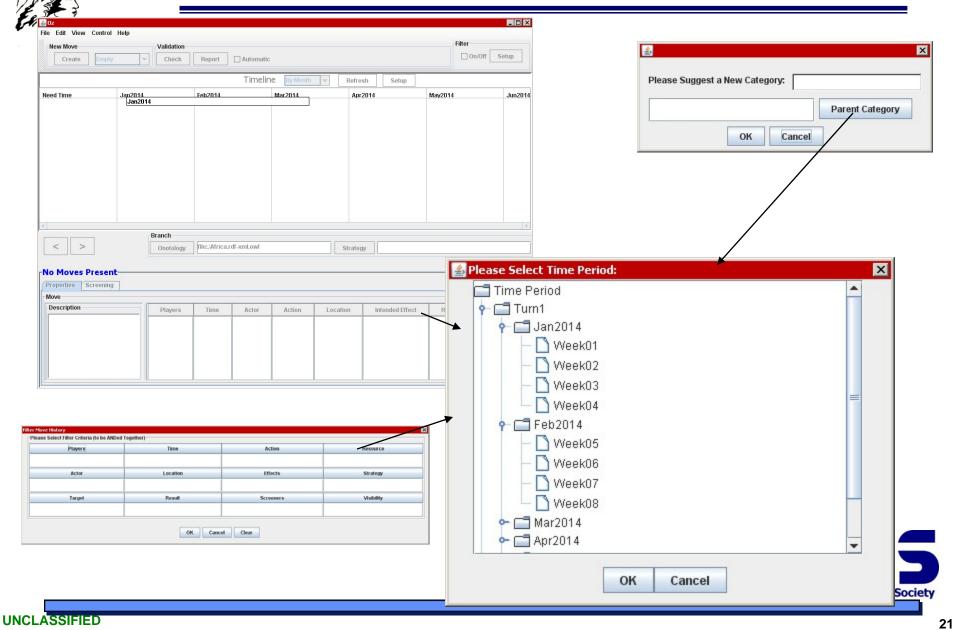


Navigate History with Timeline and Filter



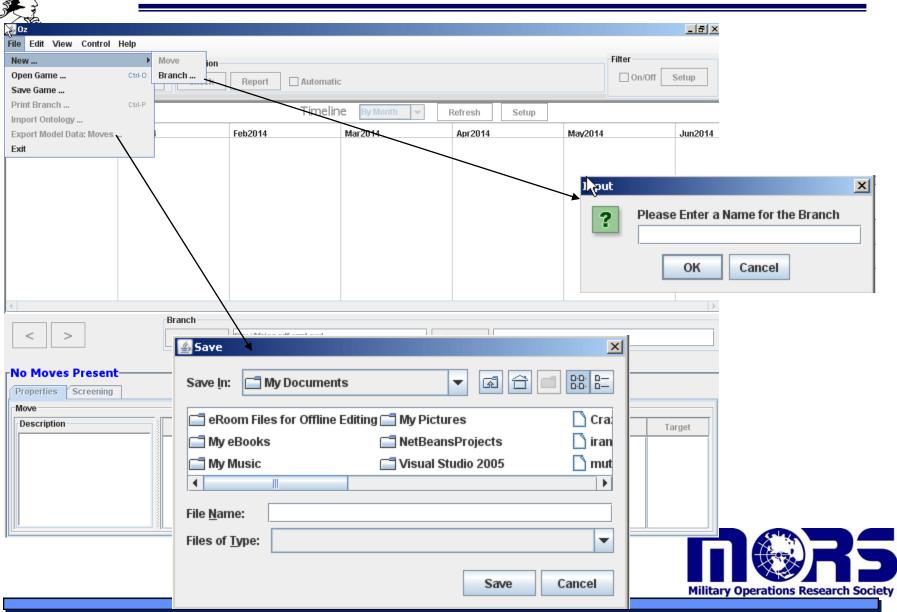


Categorization Buttons Bring Up Categorization Tree



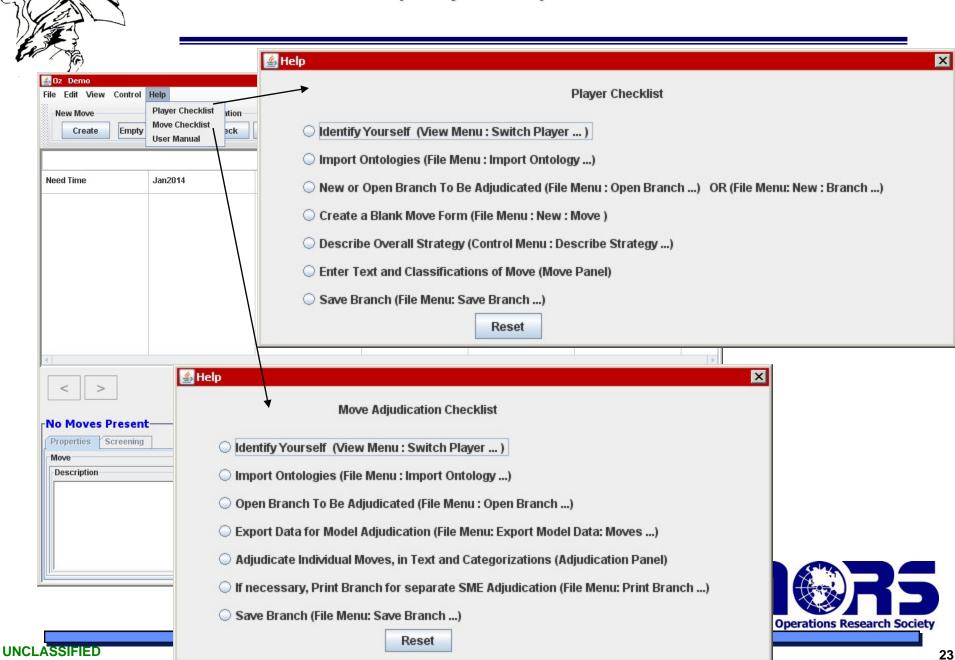


Game Branched and Moves Exported to Models through File Menu



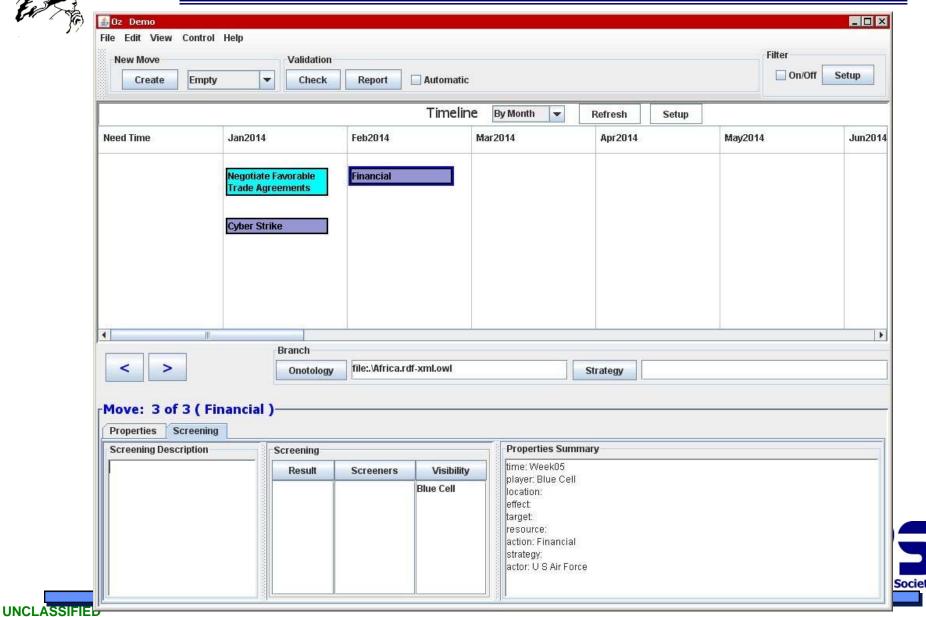


Checklists Help Players Keep Track of the Process





White Cell Screens Moves



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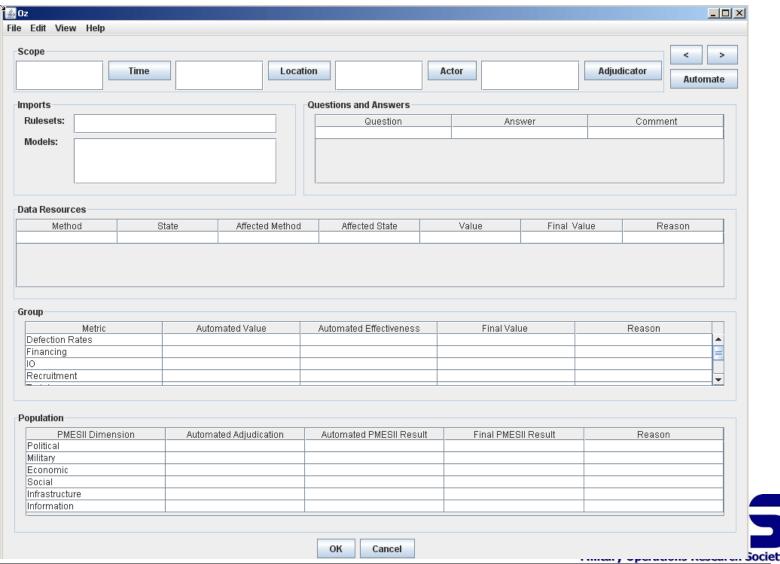
The PMESII Adjudication Form

- Accessible from the Control Menu, so that Historical PMESII Adjudications may be examined
 - History is navigated using back and forward buttons
- Adjudicators import model results, rule sets, and answer questions that aren't covered by models and rule sets
- PMESII adjudications are for a particular Time, Location, and Actor
- Rule sets based on Social Indicators roll up the results to PMESII values
- Adjudicators may modify both specific indicator results and general PMESII results
- Adjudicators may export final adjudications back to models so that they all restart from the consensus state



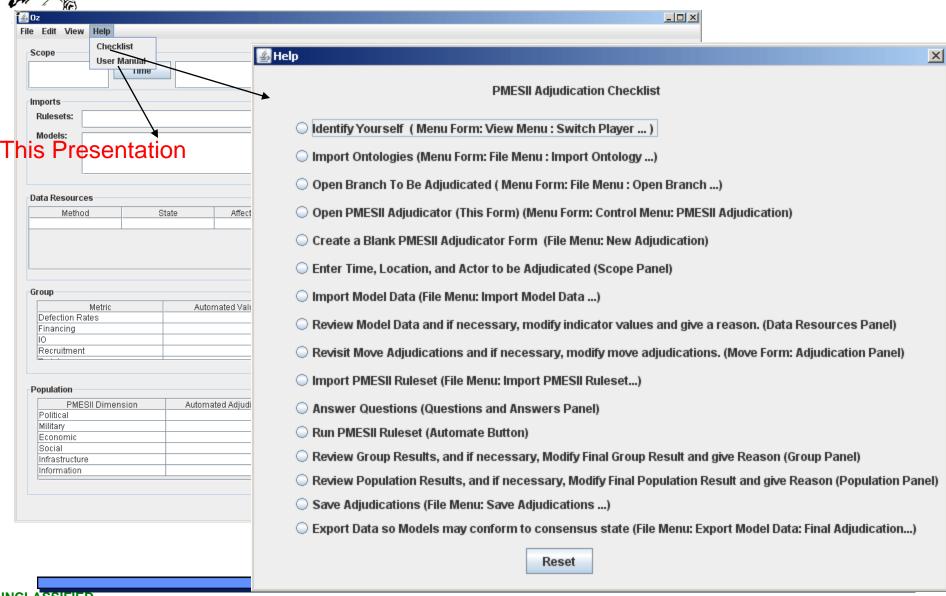


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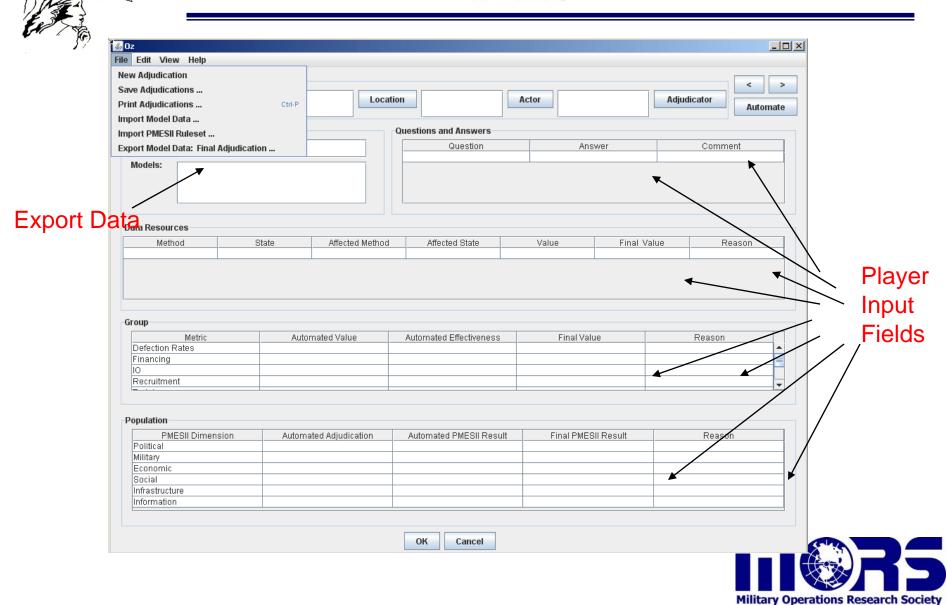


A Checklist Guides Adjudication as on Move Form



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TECHNOIR Results Are Rolled Up with PMESII Ruleset, Edited and Exported Back to Models



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Summary

- Wargaming is a useful tool for analyzing Wicked Problems
- Technology can assist wargaming adjudication
- Oz is unique because it
 - Integrates data, rules, and models in the wargaming environment
 - Incorporates Social Science theory
 - Integrates the results of multiple, multi-resolution models
 - Preserves unique perspective of each wargame participant
 - Allows branching of the wargame
 - Preserves a record of the wargame for subsequent statistical analysis
- Can be easily adapted to a variety of wargan



Questions?





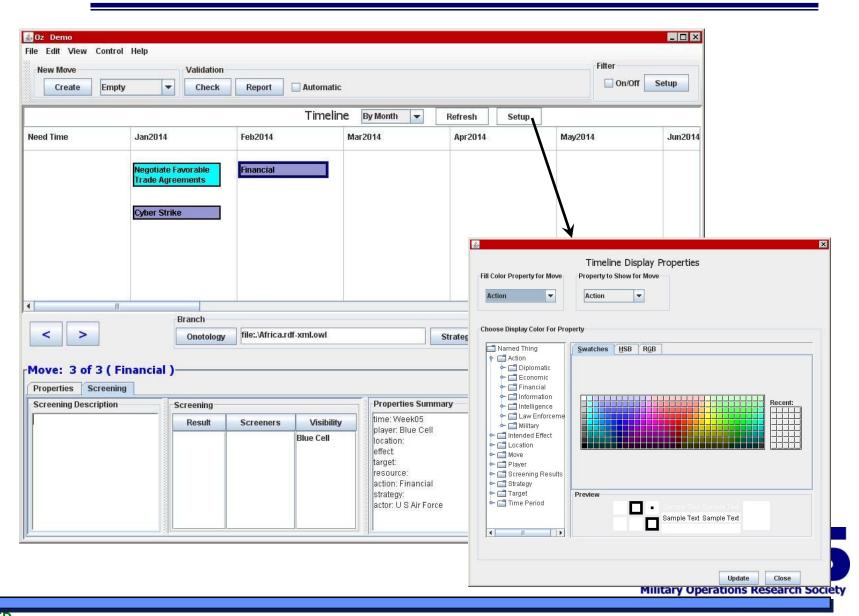


Back Ups





Timeline Moves Color Coded By Category





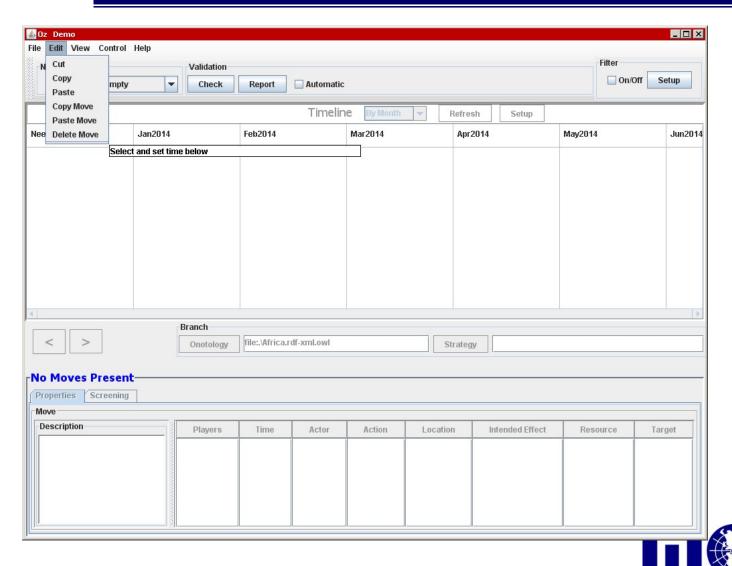
Categorization Trees are Imported from Protégé Ontology Software





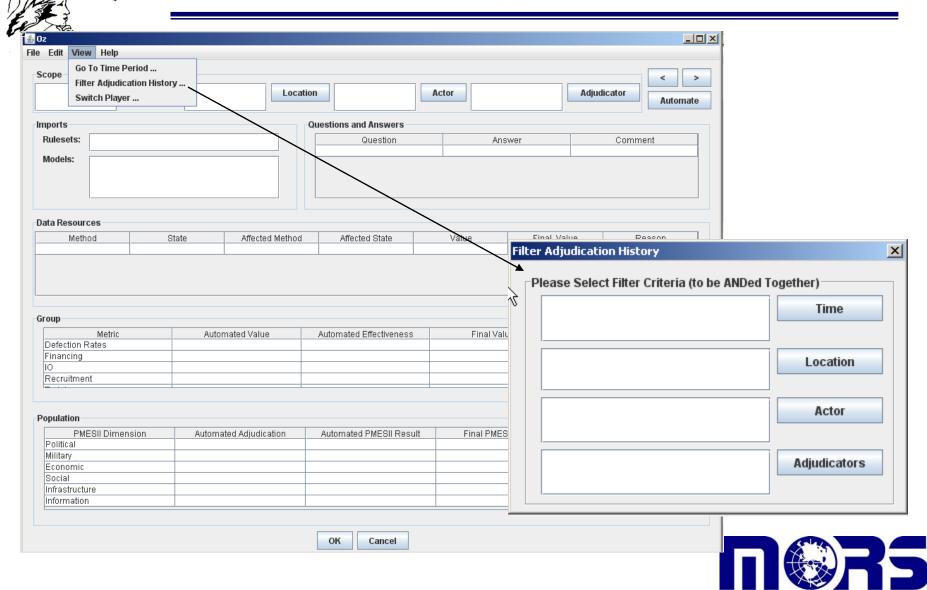


Moves may be Reused and Reordered through the Edit Menu or the Timeline



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TECHNOLO HIStory is filtered by Player Visibility and Categories as on the Move Form

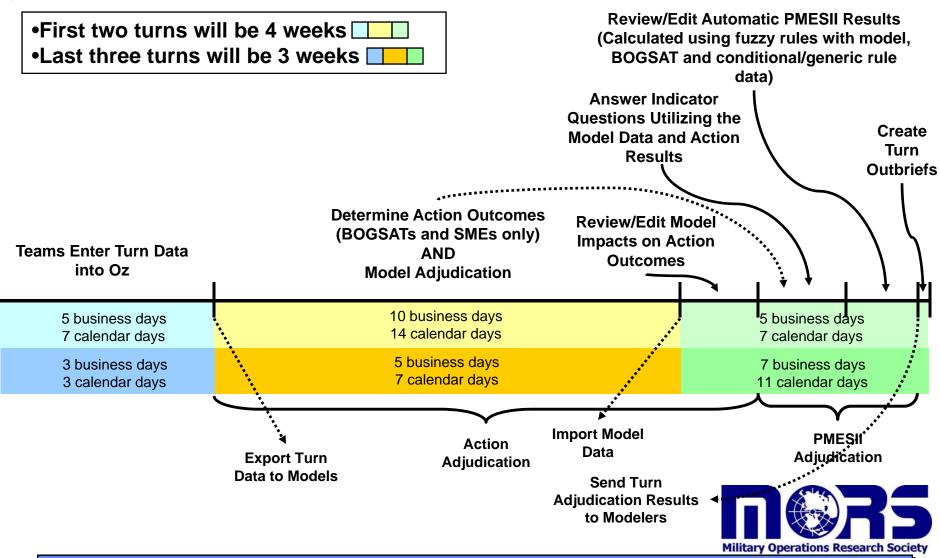


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Example Game Turn Cycle



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